

VALE OF STRUMA SCENE OF FIERCE FIGHTING, WHICH FAVORS ENTENTE

Entire Front in Levant, From Monastir Region To East of Lake Doiran, Is Theater of Terrific Conflict For Triumph of Arms

BRITISH AND FRENCH MAKE IMPORTANT GAINS

Further North, Russians and Rumanians Claim To Be Making Tremendous Gains Against Teutonics But This Is Denied

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, September 13. — The French and British are smashing their way forward against the Bulgarians on the battlefields in Greek Macedonia. The vantage points on the eastern bank of the Struma river, gained by the British troops in the fighting of Saturday and Sunday, proved their value to the Allies yesterday, when the new offensive was launched.

North of the Somme river the French moved forward from the fortified town of Comblès to the river, east of Clercy, and so tremendous was their attack that within half an hour after the first men leaped out of the trenches to the assault, they had taken three-quarters of a mile of first line trenches and fifteen hundred prisoners. South-east of this sector they took trenches on the road leading from Perronne to Bethune, thereby seriously hampering the German transport movement from the North.

Claims Are Conflicting

The claims of the warring powers in the East conflict as seriously as do their armies. Petrograd yesterday declared that the Russian arms had made gains in Galicia and in the Carpathians, while the reports from Vienna and Berlin asserted that the Slav attacks had been repulsed.

One significant development in the western situation was announced by the Austrian general staff last night in the official communique from Vienna. General Pflanzer-Baltin, who has been in command of the Austrian forces operating in eastern Transylvania, against the Russian and the Rumanians, has "resigned his command on account of ill health."

General Pflanzer was in command on one of the Austrian armies operating on the plains of Galicia against the men under the command of General Brusiloff, and suffered several heavy defeats in the recent Russian offensive in southern Galicia and the Bukovina. When Rumania entered the war and struck at Hungary from the East, the general staff ordered General Pflanzer to assume command of the Teutonic forces in that district.

Bulgarian Drive Planned

The blow leveled against the Bulgarians in the Struma river valley by the British is attracting a great deal of attention and military experts last night reiterated their assertion that the commander at Solonika, General Sarail, intends to attempt a drive through Bulgaria, cutting the Constantinople railroad and compelling the Germans and Bulgarians to desist from their attacks against the southern boundary of Rumania.

The Allies have an offensive problem to solve. They are now behind the mountains of northern Greece and southern Serbia and Bulgaria, and these mountains are impossible to an army of any size. The roads to the west and east are the question of supply lines is a serious one. Salonika is the railroad center of the whole Balkan. Roads and railroads radiate from it to every important point north-east and west. The road from Salonika up the valley of the Vardar river runs directly to Ljuban, where it meets a road from Monastir. The road from Salonika runs to Doiran, where it branches off to the east, through Scutari and Drama.

The Allies have four lines of advance, the first and most important is on the Struma river valley, the second the Vardar river line, the third the

WILSON SYMPATHIZES WITH CARRANZISTA AIMS PRESIDENT THUS INFORMS PEACE COMMISSIONERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW LONDON, Connecticut, September 13.—President Wilson will return to his summer home at Shadow Lawn, New Jersey, today. It is believed that his sister, Mrs. Annie E. Howe, who is desperately ill with peritonitis, will linger for several days longer in her present condition before any change comes. Mr. Wilson will return here should there be any alteration for the worse.

The President yesterday exchanged visits with the members of the international peace commission which is holding sessions here. Mr. Wilson personally assisted in the deliberations of the commission. It was the first time that he has personally dealt with the representatives of the de facto government in Mexico.

NEUTRALITY VIOLATED IN PHILIPPINE WATERS GOVERNOR-GENERAL HARRISON ACCUSES BRITISH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, September 13.—An other violation of American neutrality in Philippine waters by a British warship was reported by Governor-General Harrison yesterday to the war department.

According to the despatches from Harrison, a British torpedo boat destroyer patrolling the channels of the islands is declared to have stopped and looted the coastwise steamer Cebu within territorial waters. The act was reported by the master of the Cebu.

The act of the destroyer will be made the subject of a strong protest to the British government.

The incident occurred about a mile and one-half from Cebu Island. The master of the Cebu reports that Lieutenant Bailey, commanding the torpedo boat destroyer, accompanied by two British men, boarded the steamer and looted over the manifest and the passenger list.

OTHER VIOLATIONS ARE REPORTED

This is not the first time British men-of-war have stopped American vessels within the three-mile limit. According to Manila newspapers, the Philippine steamer Sorsogon of the

Cherna river line and fourth the route from Monastir. Of these the last two are those which run up the Vardar river.

East of the Vardar river, however, is a chain of steep, rugged hills which cannot be scaled in the face of opposition. The Struma river passes through this mountain wall and through a valley, the southern end of which is almost a gorge, so steep and rocky are its sides.

Bulgars Strongly Entrenched
The Vardar river line is easier of attack, the mountains being lower and more sloping, and the railroad line assisting in the movement of troops and supplies for the attackers. The Bulgars have constructed strong defensive works in the Vardar river line, along which the French are operating.

Yesterday the Petit Parisien announced that it had received information from its correspondents with the Allies in the Balkans that a concerted movement of the French and British was well under way, the British striking hard at the Struma river front and the French backing up their efforts along the Vardar. The French last night were reported to have driven the Bulgars back eight hundred yards over a two-mile front, west of the Vardar, near the town of Majladgi.

British Also Make Gains
The British also gained east of the Struma river, in the Lake Tuzkova region, where they are confronted with both Germans and Bulgarians. The British are reported to have taken four additional towns, it was also officially reported that the Bulgars, who have been occupying the Greek cities along the Aegean Sea, have been compelled to evacuate the forts around Kavala, which they seized some time ago, by the presence of a fleet of allied battleships and cruisers the guns of which command the positions along the coast. The command of the allied drive on the Struma is another reason given for this withdrawal by the Bulgars.

Berlin reports that the Bulgarians and their German allies have made additional gains in the operations on the Danube, in Southern Rumania, while Petrograd announces that the Rumanians and Russians have repulsed the attacks of the Teutonic allies.

Russians Attack in Vain
In Galicia according to the Berlin despatches, the Russians attacked in vain, and lost heavily, and the same claim is made by the Germans for the results of the fighting on the Stokhod, where the Russians are again attacking heavily. Petrograd asserts that the Slav hosts have won additional heights in the Carpathians, but Vienna disputes this claim.

The struggle in the west yesterday assumed large proportions, both north and south of the Somme river. The French offensive, launched yesterday morning, was one of the most vicious they have ever driven home in that sector, and was accompanied and preceded by the most intense artillery fire. The Germans were swept out of their first line trenches over a front of three-quarters of a mile, and the occupants of the dugouts and redoubts had not time to escape, which accounts for the large number of prisoners taken in the attack.

French Capture Trenches
South-east of this point, and east of Clercy, the French rushed and captured trenches defending the road between Peronne and Hapuy. It was this road upon which the Germans have been transporting much of their supplies and men. This road is now cut, and the transport problem of the Teutonic commanders complicated.

Berlin last night announced that Prince Rupprecht, crown prince of Bavaria, had been placed in command of the Germans on the Somme.

LANDSTHING GETS PLEBISCITE BILL

Sale of Danish West Indies May Be Decided Late Next Month

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
COPENHAGEN, September 13.—The premier yesterday introduced in the Landsting a bill providing for a plebiscite on the question of the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States, for \$25,000,000. If the measure is passed the plebiscite probably will be held October 20.

POLITICS BLOCK SALE OF ISLANDS

Some interesting sidelights are thrown on what is called the "school crisis" in Denmark by the Copenhagen correspondent of The Associated Press. He writes on Aug. 14, under the heading, "School Crisis," that the Danish Parliament is so divided on the question of the sale of the islands to the United States, that it is impossible to get a bill passed. The bill is a measure of domestic politics. There would be a majority for the sale of the islands if it were not complicated by a number of other factors. The main obstacle is the Radicals, the largest party, and the left. They are against the Cabinet's policy, and generally aim at throwing out Premier Zahle, but they declare through Mr. Christensen that if a constitutional crisis is elected they will vote for the sale. Some of the recognized party, the Conservatives, condemn both the sale and the method of carrying it through. Continuing, The Associated Press correspondent says:

"The wisdom and expediency of the sale are entirely submerged by other questions. First comes the outcry against secret negotiations, and an alleged attempt to commit the nation to a transaction without being consulted beforehand. Even in the present un-constitutional Riksdag particularly noisy was excited by the demands of Foreign Minister Seavenius and Edward Brandes, Minister of Finance, that negotiations be taking place, and by the press censor's refusal to pass foreign telegrams reporting the negotiations."

The fiercest personal attacks are on Minister Brandes, a brother of the late Georg Brandes, Minister Brandes is the negotiator of the sale. Under the system in Denmark, her own possessions are administered by different departments. Greenland is under the minister of interior, Iceland under the minister of justice, the Faroe Islands are administratively a part of Zealand, and the West Indian Islands are under the finance minister.

The cabinet's position has been made plain by Ministers Brandes and Seavenius. Brandes declares that international considerations alone were his cause of the sale, and that the condition of the islands and the American monetary offer were not the deciding factors. The meaning of "international considerations" was made plain by Minister Brandes.

MONEY AND TRADE GUARANTEE PEACE

Close Financial and Commercial Relations Will Solve American-Japanese Problem

(Special Cablegram to Hawaii Shipper.)
TOKIO, September 13.—Judge Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, declared that the only way to solve the American-Japanese problem was for the countries to get into closer touch, financial and social, with each other.

The statement of the steel magnate was made at a farewell dinner given to Judge and Mrs. Gary by the chamber of Commerce of Tokyo last night.

"It is not diplomacy, nor the political nor even the military forces of a country that bind it to other countries, or that solve its problems, but it is the financial and commercial connections it forms with its neighbors," Judge and Mrs. Gary will leave Yokohama this afternoon by the China for the United States.

MAINE DELEGATION SOLID REPUBLICAN

State Casts Largest Vote In All Its History

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PORTLAND, Maine, September 12.—With the largest vote in its history, Maine has gone Republican, and with a solid delegation for congress.

The vote was about 150,000, against the largest previous total of 142,000. The Republican plurality is approximately 15,000.

It is assumed that both senators and all four representatives will be Republicans, giving a straight U. S. P. representation in Washington.

A large vote of the proposed State law limiting the labor of women and children to fifty-four hours a week was approved.

COMPANY WILL NOT DEAL WITH STRIKERS

President of Interborough Refuses Proposal By New York Mayor To Arbitrate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, September 13.—Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Corporation, announced last night that he had refused the proposal made by Mayor Mitchell to call off the strike of the carmen and submit the differences to arbitration.

"I have flatly refused to deal with any labor union that has broken its agreement with the company," declared Shonts.

The day was marked by intermittent rioting in various parts of the greater city. The trouble began during the night and grew worse as the day advanced, until the police found difficulty in handling the situation so frequent were the calls made upon the department. Early in the morning when the strike breakers attempted to take out cars, the rioting became serious.

SUBMARINE BREMEN NOT YET REPORTED

New Undersea Freighter Will Leave Germany Soon

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, September 12.—Reports from Bremen say that another undersea merchant vessel, somewhat similar to the Deutschland and the Bremen, will depart for the United States at the end of this month.

None of the sister vessels of the Deutschland has been completed, according to directors of the new shipbuilding line.

"They say that 'only God knows' when the Bremen will reach the states. She has not yet been reported."

STEAMER MAUNA KEA WILL TAKE BIG CROWD

More Than 100 Delegates Going To Civic Convention

There isn't going to be much room for mere travelers in the steamer Mauna Kea when she carries the civic convention crowd to Hilo next week. Present figures show reservations in the vessel for one hundred and seven delegates, with the possibility of ten or fifteen more such reservations within the next day or two.

The secretary of the chamber of commerce reported yesterday eighty-three reservations for the Honolulu delegates. In addition, twelve Kauai delegates will join the crowd here and twelve more are certain to board the steamer at Lahaina, Maui.

Of the delegation from Honolulu, reservations have been taken for thirty-nine. All of the representatives, twenty-three for the chamber of commerce, three for the promotion committee, two for the Pan-Pacific club, four for the Rotary club, three for the city government and eight for the commercial club.

"The boat will be crowded as usual," said the secretary, "and as usual, many of us will have to sleep on deck. I expect to be in the forenoon, but I expect the rigors of one or two Hawaiian nights in the open." Secretary Brown will turn back to the steamship company this morning the remainder of the steamer reservations which he made two or three weeks ago, that persons other than delegates may obtain berths.

TWO POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED BY KOREAN

Thomas Keala, jailer, and Christian Freitas, police officer, in Waipahu, will appear before the civil service commission at its next meeting, charged with having entered the house of Pang Eun Koo, in Waipahu, without a warrant and taking a gold bracelet valued at one hundred dollars.

The following letter in connection with the case was filed with the civil service commission yesterday:

"I hereby file charges against Thomas Keala, jailer, and Christian Freitas, police officer, for violation of the laws in that, together with one James Fernandez, without a search warrant or any legal process, on September 9, 1916, they entered my premises at Waipahu, where I keep a store, and through my private effects, and went stole or caused the disappearance of a Chinese gold bracelet belonging to my wife of the value of about \$100."

TWENTY-TWO ARE KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
EL PASO, September 13.—Twenty-two persons were killed when a train on the National Railway struck a spreading oil barrel at Chihuahua City, Mexico, Sunday. Eleven of the killed were Carranza soldiers.

AMERICAN MAIL NOW WITHHELD

Owing To Seizure and Censorship In Orient British Carriers Are Barred

Following reports from Shanghai that American mail had been seized and censored by British carriers at Hongkong and Shanghai, the postoffice department has given instructions that all mail from the United States to the Orient must go forward in American vessels from American ports, according to national advice. Shipment of mails via Vancouver in British ships has been stopped. Postoffice officials are loath to discuss matters owing to the delicacy of the diplomatic situation.

Recently the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce received for circulation a letter mailed in United States territorial property in the Orient and destined for the United States, which had been opened and censored by the British.

Domestic Service Affected

This letter theoretically was passing from one part of the United States to another. Recent reports from Shanghai declared that even United States consular mail had been opened and censored. It is said that British agents took advantage of the consular ship to glean American trade secrets.

So far as Honolulu is concerned, such orders have been received here. No British liners ply between the islands and the Far East. There is no order against despatch of mail to the States via Vancouver in the Makura and Ningara so far as known here.

That portion of the above referring to despatch of all mail for the Orient in "American vessels from American ports" is ambiguous, because there are only two American liners on the Pacific, and mails could not wait for the China and Ecuador. The statement that the despatch of mails via Vancouver in British ships has been stopped apparently refers to despatches from the States to the Orient and probably vice versa.

It will be recalled that news and advice from the States recently said that mails to and from the Philippines would move only in United States Army transports in the future.

DISOBEYS ORDERS: NEARLY DROWNED

Soldier Caught By Eddy In Swimming Tank At Fort Shafter

Owing to his disobedience of the order prohibiting any one from entering the swimming tank at Fort Shafter while it is being filled or emptied Pvt. Hobart Patton, Company G, Second Infantry, almost lost his life from drowning shortly after noon yesterday.

The tank was being filled at the time, the water being about eight feet deep at the deeper end. The large supply pipe was discharging into the tank, causing a very powerful eddy. A number of the soldiers were waiting about the edge for the tank to be filled, when Private Patton entered the tank and swam towards the deep end. Patton is not a good swimmer and his progress was watched by the men.

Suddenly he threw his arms out of the water and called out for help. At most immediately he sank and became helpless in the powerful eddy which carried to the bottom of the tank and held there for a few swirling waters.

Sgt. Joseph H. Gates, Company H, Second Infantry, was among the men waiting for the tank to fill, and had his swimming trunks on. He immediately plunged into the tank and dived to where Patton's body was lying, securing a hold of the drowning man and bringing him to the surface, where he was able to swim to the ladder at the end of the tank where willing hands relieved him of his now precarious burden.

Sergeant Gates, who has been in training his company in first aid work, at an early hour resorted to the method of floating him in a few minutes, and brought him back to consciousness. Patton was then taken to the Department Hospital, where he is now reported as out of danger and resting comfortably.

CONNECTICUT GUARD WILL VOTE AT BORDER

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
HARTFORD, Connecticut, September 12.—The state assembly yesterday passed a bill enabling national guardsmen to vote on the Mexican border. The governor will sign the bill and is expected to send two commissioners to collect the ballots.

POINDEXTER LEADING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SEATTLE, September 13.—Senator Miles Poinexter is leading William Humphrey in the Republican senatorial race, according to the incomplete returns from yesterday's primary election. Former Governor McBryde is leading Roland Hatfield, in the race for the gubernatorial nomination on the Republican ticket.

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AMERICA NOT SATISFIED WITH ALL JAPAN SAYS OF 'OPEN DOOR'

Assurances Given To Ambassador Guthrie That Mikado Is Not Seeking To Exploit China Must Be Proven By Developments

WASHINGTON WILL WATCH FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS

State Department Feels That Behind Cloud of Diplomacy Lurks Policy Likely To Threaten Integrity of Oriental Republic

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, September 13.—The attitude of the government toward the demands made by Japan upon China remains indefinite, despite the so-called reassurances that the sovereignty of the Oriental republic is to be safeguarded by the Tokio government, received at the state department from Ambassador George W. Guthrie, at Tokio, yesterday.

It was frankly admitted that the administration will be unable to accept Japan's assurances as conclusive until the interpretation which Japan herself places on the demands she has made upon China, becomes plain as the negotiations proceed.

Japanese Intentions Veiled
At present, it is asserted, the real intentions of the Japanese government are veiled behind the cloud of diplomacy with which Tokio has surrounded the proceedings, but administration officials here frankly admitted that should it prove that Japan is magnifying a local disturbance into a complication of international proportions, simply and solely to exact concessions from China, it is expected that the United States will file formal objections, China Not Menaced

Ambassador Guthrie cabled the state department that the Japanese foreign office informs him that there is nothing in Japan's demands upon China which infringes upon the sovereignty of the young republic, or which threatens the "open door" in China, guaranteed under the Root-Takahira agreement of 1909.

The demands arose out of the alleged attack of Chinese troops upon Japanese at Cheng Chia Tun, following which Japan made a number of demands.

NEGOTIATING WITH CHINA

TOKIO, September 12.—Government of Japan has instructed Minister Hayashi at Peking to open formal negotiations with the Chinese government on the Cheng Chia Tun violence.

W. K. BILLINGS FACES JURY IN BOMB TRIAL

Witnesses Identify Bits of Metal Blown Into Victims

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, September 13.—The jury which is to try Warren K. Billings, accused of killing a number of persons by the infernal machine during the preparedness parade July 22, was filled yesterday and the trial began at once with the summoning of a number of witnesses who testified to the events leading up to and immediately after the explosion.

A number of these witnesses also identified shells and bits of metal which were driven into the bodies of victims of the outrage.

Other witnesses will be called to identify Billings as "the short dark man with a suitcase," who set the bomb that killed nine spectators of the big procession.